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Application Number	09/803,570
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Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	John Kim
Attorney Docket Number	20518/6-CON (S-8165-CON)

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8.

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